

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 2-3, 5-10 and 12-17 are pending, in which claims 1, 4 and 11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is introduced.

The final Office Action mailed April 22, 2005 allowed claims 15-17, objected to claims 2-3, 5, and 10-11 as allowable by dependent on a rejected base claim, and rejected claims 1, 4, 6-9, and 12-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Kell* (US 5,927,057).

The allowability of claims 2-3, 5, 10-11, and 15-17 is noted with appreciation, and claims 2-3 and 5 have accordingly been rewritten into independent form. Moreover, the allowable subject matter of claim 11 has been incorporated into claim 9, and claims 6-8 are made dependent on allowable claim 5. Accordingly, claims 2-3, 5-10, and 12-17 are in condition for immediate allowance (as so indicated in the Advisory Action of July 6, 2005).

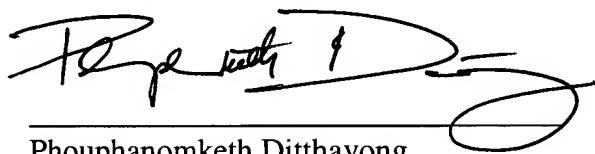
With respect to rejected claim 4, this claim is now canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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